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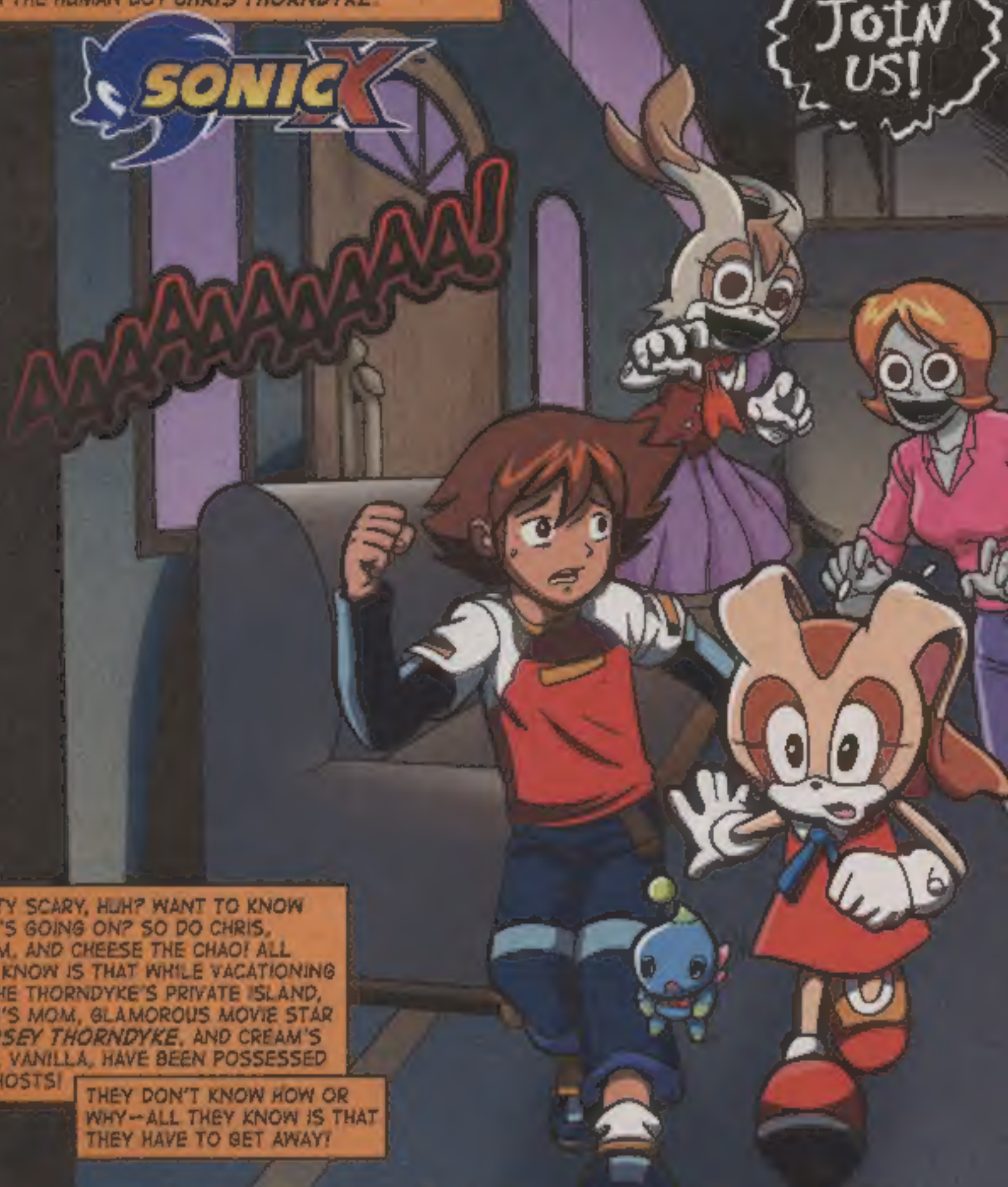
WHEN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG INVOKED *CHAOS CONTROL* DURING A BATTLE AGAINST THE EGREGIOUS DR. EGGMAN, IT CREATED A *RIP IN THE FABRIC OF TIME AND SPACE* THAT TRANSPORTED SONIC, EGGMAN, AND MANY OTHERS FROM THEIR WORLD TO STATION SQUARE ON EARTH!

NOW CREAM'S MOTHER *VANILLA THE RABBIT* HAS ARRIVED ON EARTH, AND SHE'S WORRIED THAT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR *CREAM* TO LIVE IN STATION SQUARE WITH THE HUMAN BOY *CHRIS THORNDYKE*.



PRETTY SCARY, HUH? WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON? SO DO CHRIS, CREAM, AND CHEESE THE CHAO! ALL THEY KNOW IS THAT WHILE VACATIONING ON THE THORNDYKE'S PRIVATE ISLAND, CHRIS'S MOM, GLAMOROUS MOVIE STAR *LINDSEY THORNDYKE*, AND CREAM'S MOM, VANILLA, HAVE BEEN POSSESSED BY GHOSTS!

THEY DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHY—ALL THEY KNOW IS THAT THEY HAVE TO GET AWAY!

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WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
WE GET OUT OF HERE!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
YIIIIEEEEEE!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
COME ON!
WE'LL GO THROUGH THE KITCHEN AND OUT THE BACK DOOR!
WHAT ABOUT OUR MOTHERS?
WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THEM LATER!
WE'VE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE FIRST!

CHAO!
GASP!
THE HOUSE IS SURROUNDED!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
WHERE CAN WE GO?
WE'LL TAKE THE BACK STAIRS UP TO THE ATTIC AND HIDE THERE UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO!

OUR MOMS ARE RIGHT BEHIND US.

WE CAN HIDE IN THAT OLD WARDROBE!

CREEEEAAAAK

IF WE'RE LUCKY, IT WILL LEAD TO ANOTHER WORLD.

THAT ONLY HAPPENS IN BOOKS AND MOVIES.

THAT'S WHAT I USED TO THINK UNTIL CHEESE AND I WOUND UP ON YOUR WORLD.

HMMM... GOOD POINT.

JOIN US!

JOIN US!

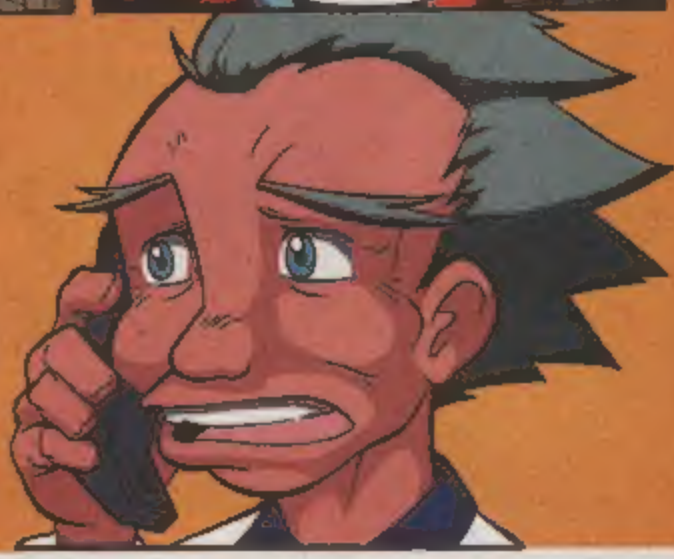
EEP!

JOIN US!

SHHHHHHH!

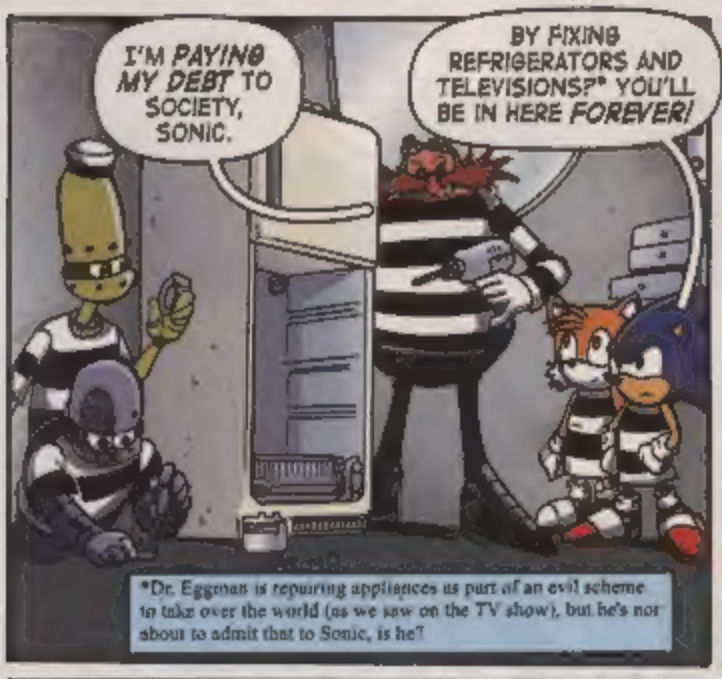
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
nightfall is nearly upon us!
it is time to serve your master...
come to me!
come to me!
WHAT WAS THAT?

TEN DIGITS LATER—AT THE THORNDYKE MANSION IN STATION SQUARE...



*The attack happened in issue #12, but if you believe Sonic and Tails attacked the city, then you didn't read that issue!

MEANWHILE, AT THE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON OPERATED BY THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS...
I DON'T GET IT, EGGMAN—WHY HAVEN'T YOU TRIED TO ESCAPE?


I'M PAYING MY DEBT TO SOCIETY, SONIC.
BY FIXING REFRIGERATORS AND TELEVISIONS?* YOU'LL BE IN HERE FOREVER!
*Dr. Eggman is repairing appliances as part of an evil scheme to take over the world (as we saw on the TV show), but he's not about to admit that to Sonic, is he?

IT'S QUITE THERAPEUTIC. YOU SHOULD TRY IT.
YEAH! THEY HAVE SOME GREAT POWER TOOLS, SONIC!
POWER TOOLS ARE YOUR THING, TAILS.

ALTHOUGH I MAY WANT...
...TO USE THEM IF THEY DON'T...
...OF HERE SOON!
...LET US OUT...

I'M GOING STIR CRAZY!

**As seen on the TV show!

CHAO CHAO!

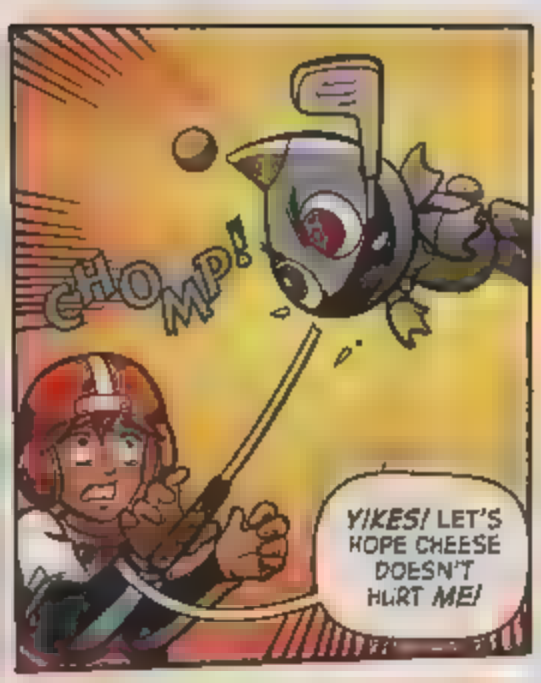
CHEESE SAYS HE DOESN'T SEE ANYONE!
GOOD. WHEN WE GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS, GO RIGHT. MOM'S TROPHY ROOM IS ACROSS FROM THE LIVING ROOM.

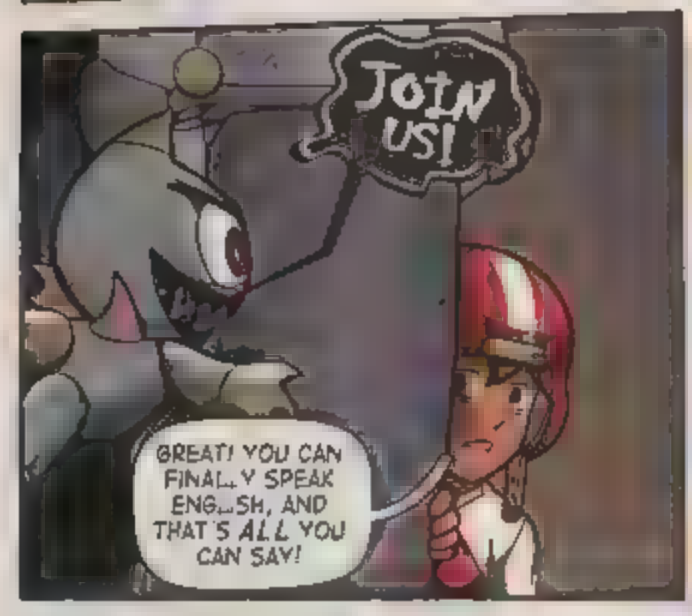
SO FAR, SO GOOD. IF THE HOURGLASS IS HERE, CHANCES ARE MOM PUT IT IN THE TROPHY ROOM.

HEE HEE HEE
A GHOST!

HEE HEE HEE
OH NO! IT POSSESSED CHEESE!

CREAM YOU HAVE TO FIND THE HOURGLASS NOW!
JOIN US!
I'LL TRY! PLEASE DON'T HURT CHEESE!

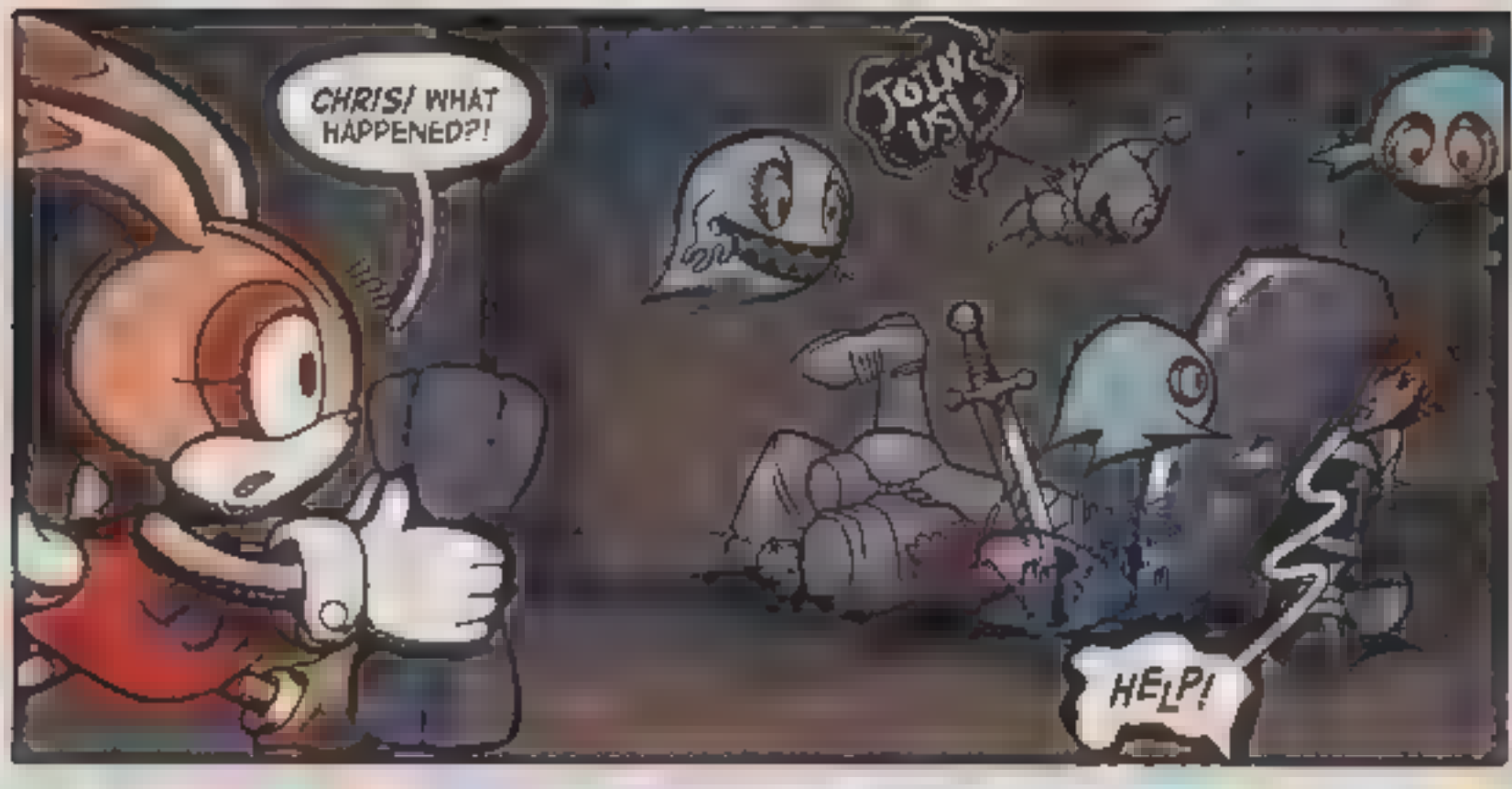

CHOMP!
YIKES! LET'S HOPE CHEESE DOESN'T HURT ME!

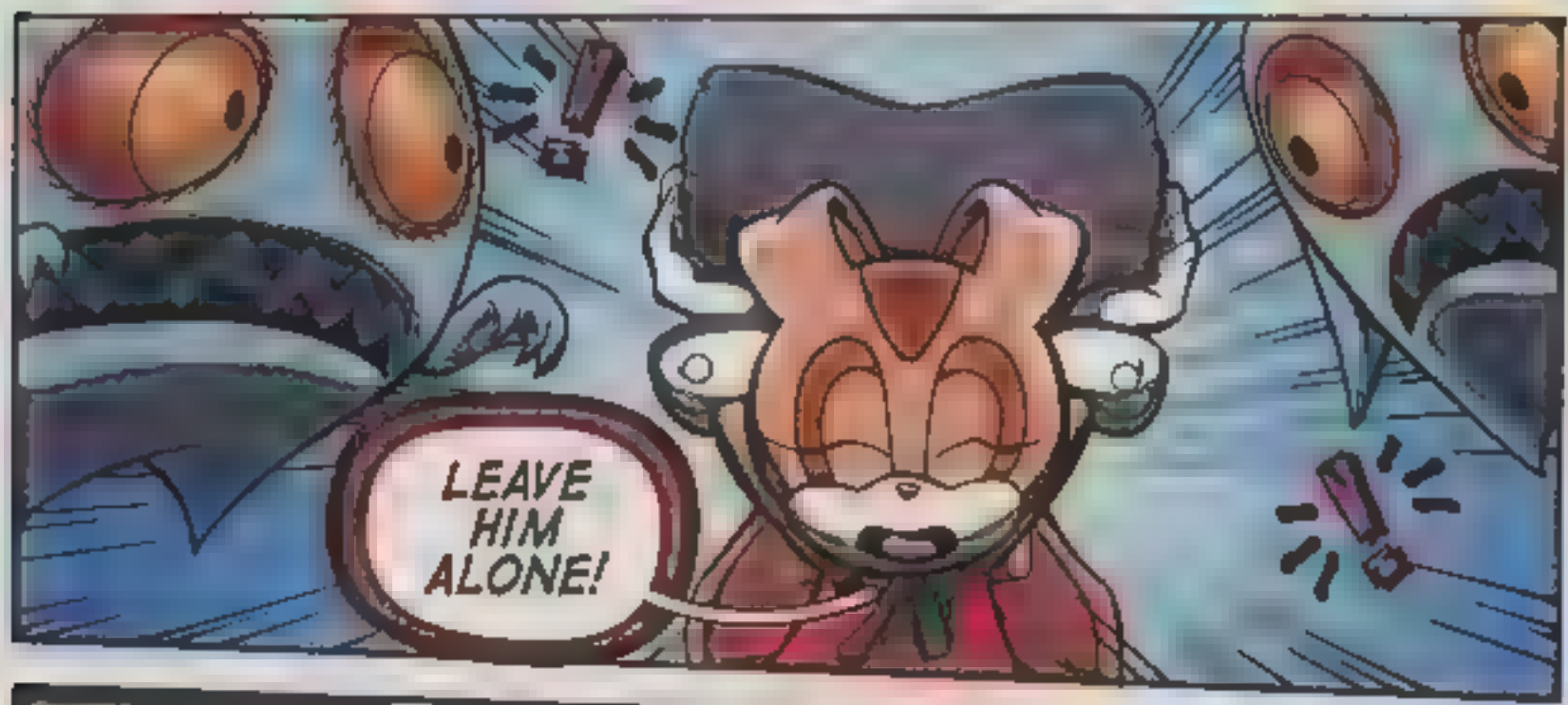

JOIN US!
GREAT! YOU CAN FINALLY SPEAK ENGLISH, AND THAT'S ALL YOU CAN SAY!

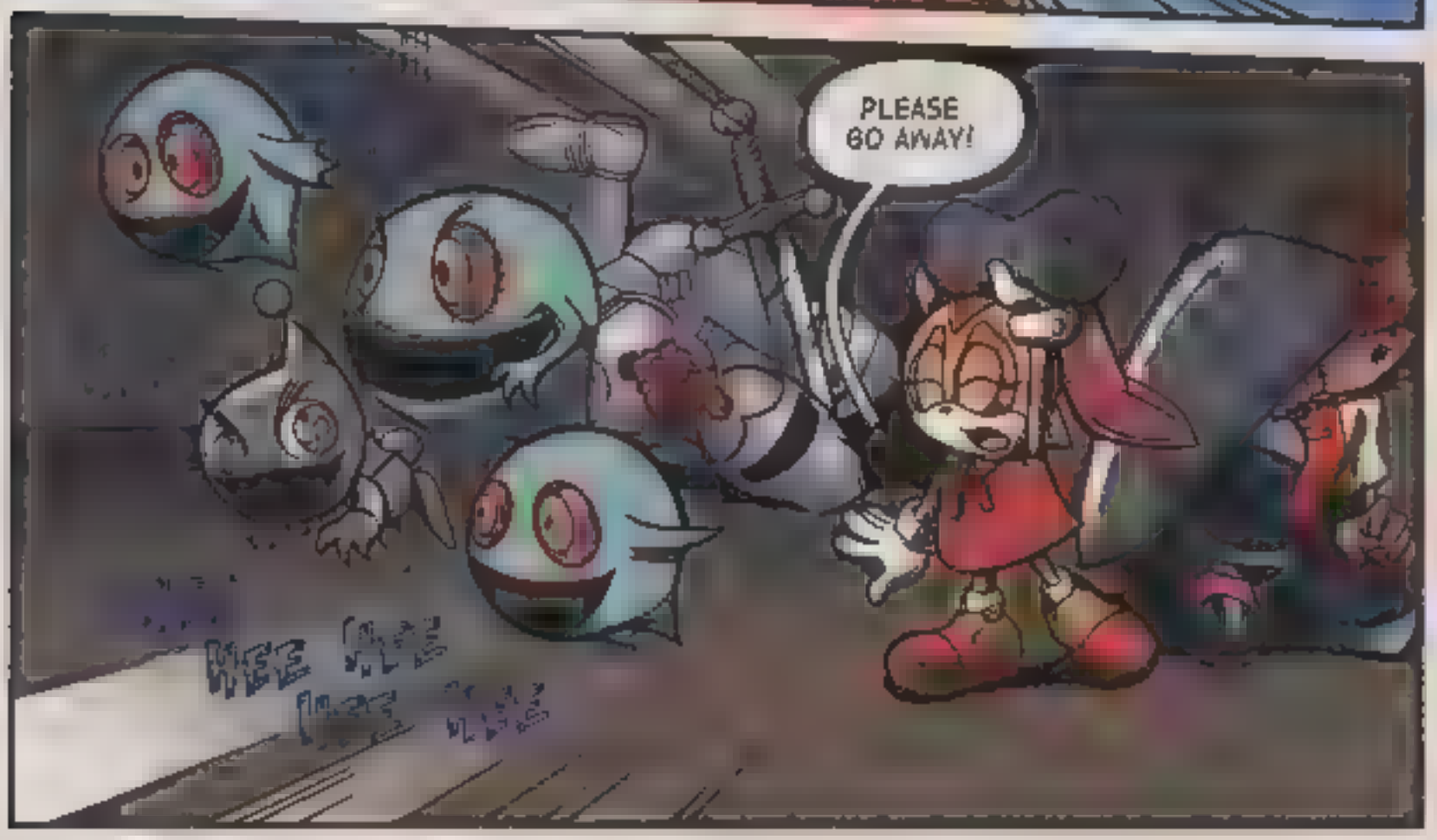
JOIN US!
CREAM!

PLEASE HURRY!

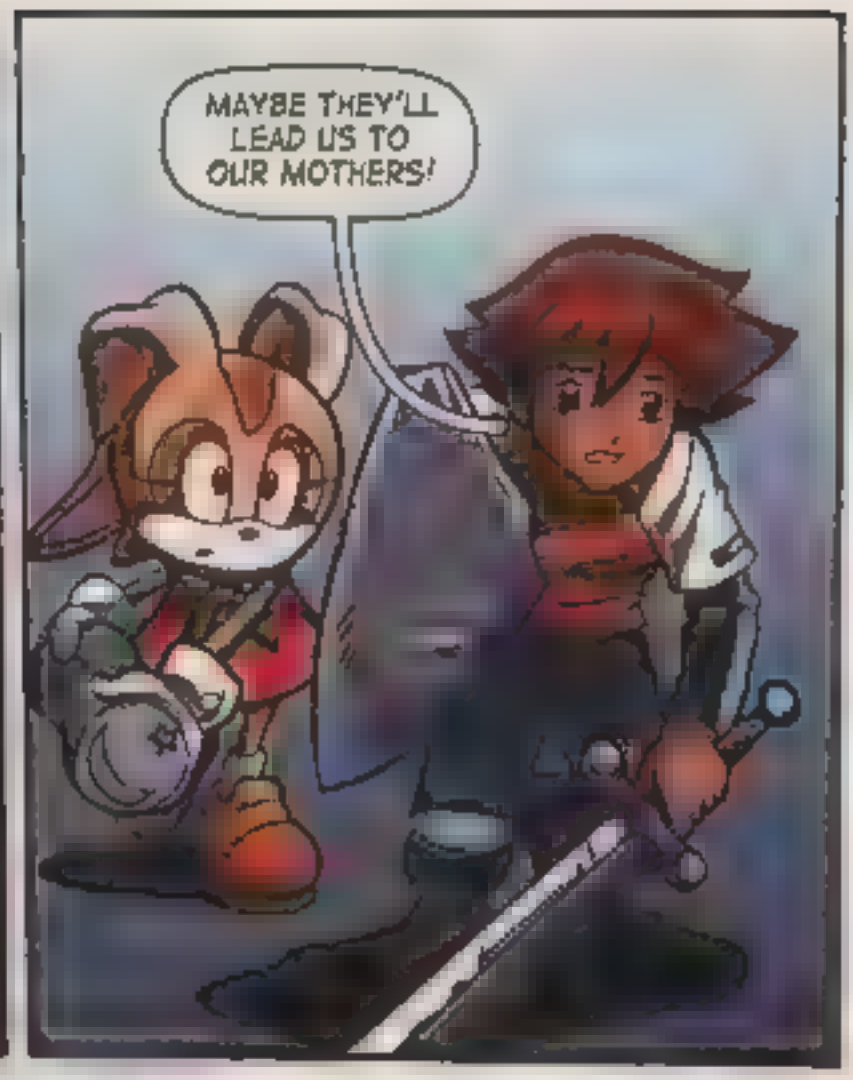
I FOUND IT, CHRIS! HOLD ON!
CRASH!

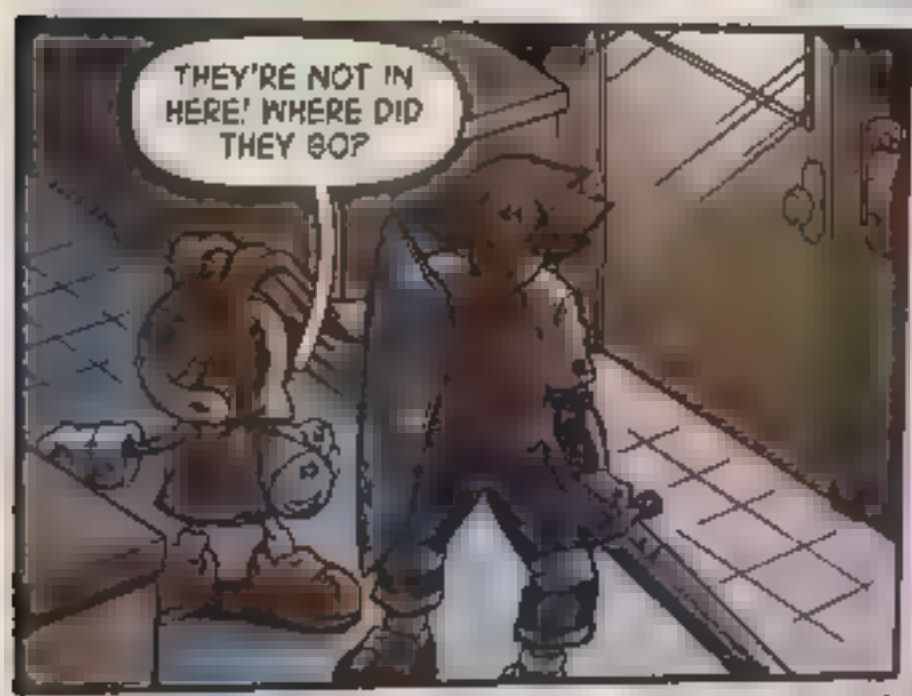

CHRIS! WHAT HAPPENED?!
JOIN US!
HELP!


LEAVE HIM ALONE!


PLEASE GO AWAY!

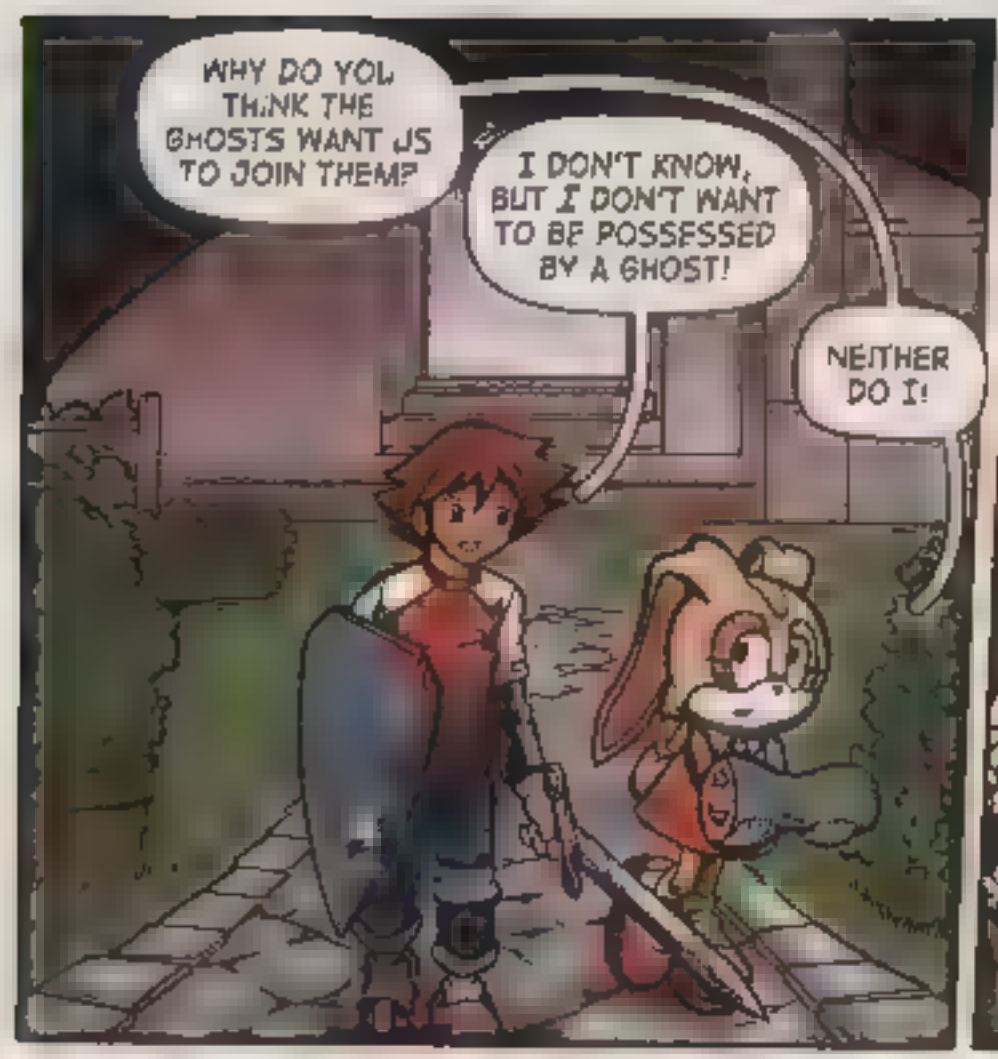
THEY LEFT!
THEY'RE GOING INTO THE KITCHEN!
WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THEM!

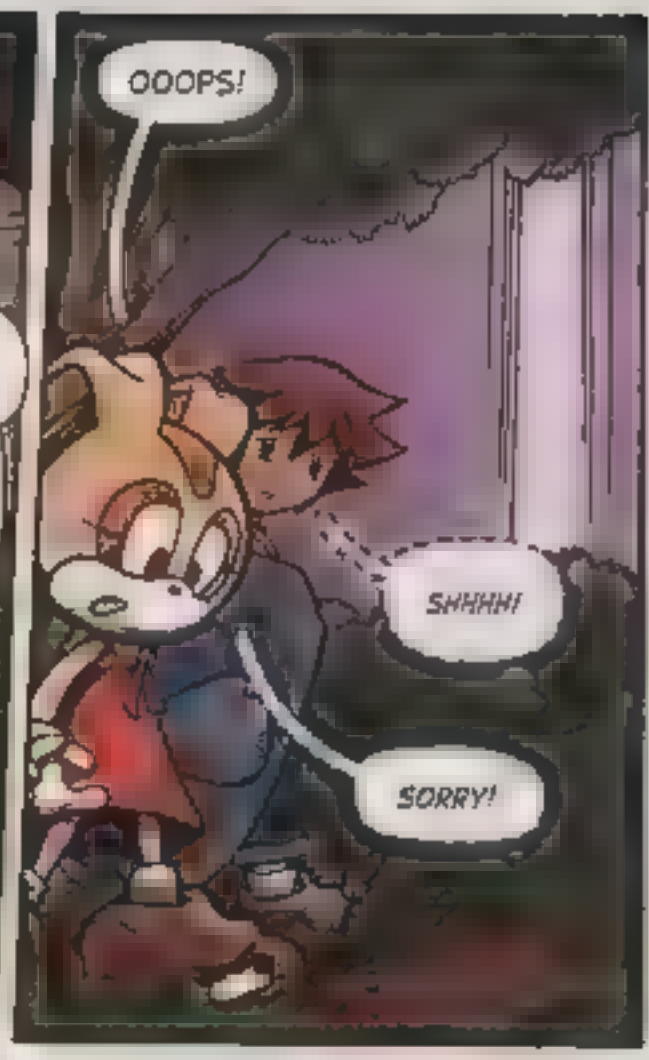

MAYBE THEY'LL LEAD US TO OUR MOTHERS!


THEY'RE NOT IN HERE! WHERE DID THEY GO?

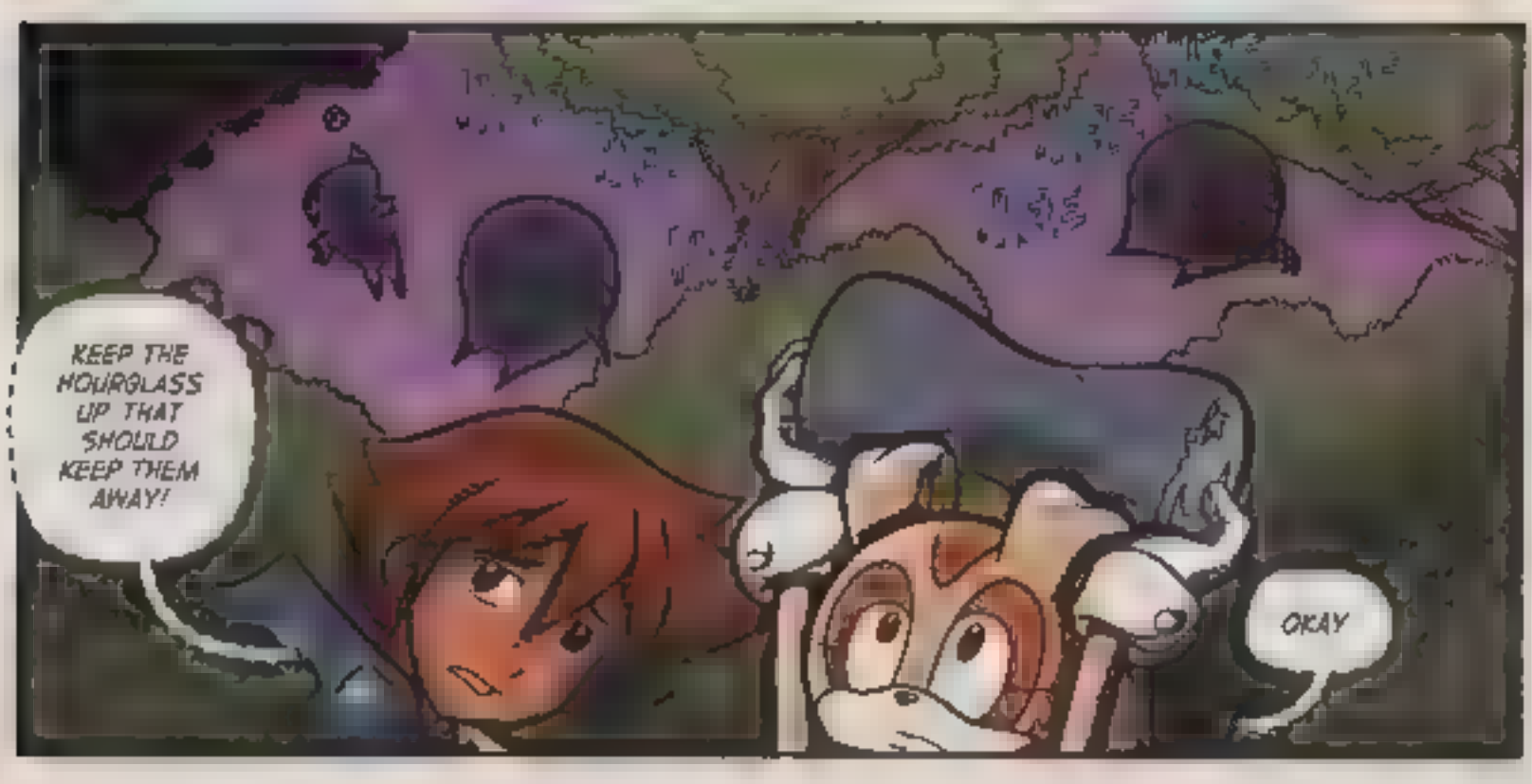
I THINK THEY'RE OUTSIDE!
COME ON! WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY!

OH MY! WHAT'S THAT?
I'LL BET THAT'S WHERE ALL THE GHOSTS WENT!

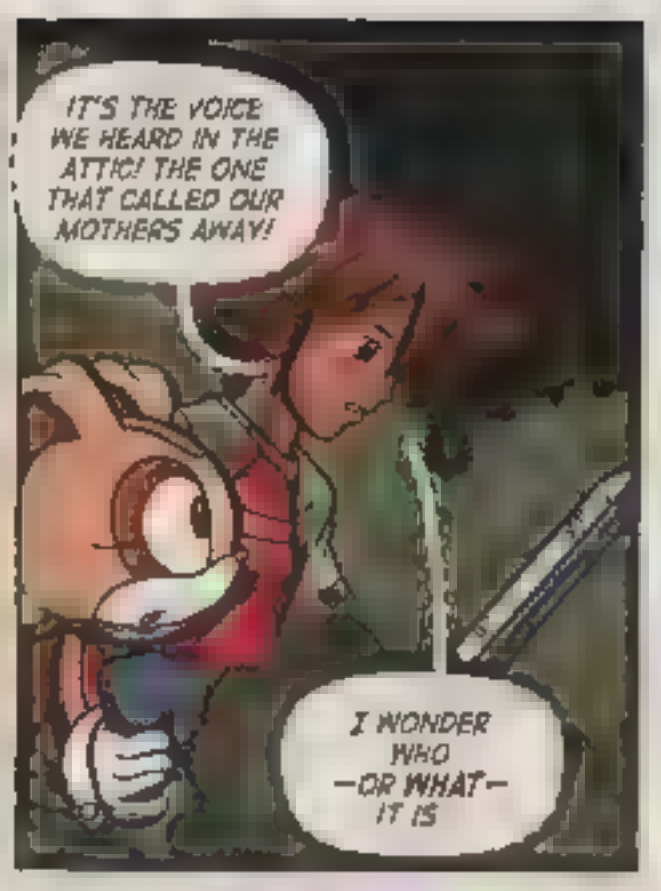

WHY DO YOU THINK THE GHOSTS WANT US TO JOIN THEM?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE POSSESSED BY A GHOST!
NEITHER DO I!


OOOPS!
SHHHH!
SORRY!

WE HAVE TO BE QUIET WE DON'T WANT THE GHOSTS TO SEE US!
HEE

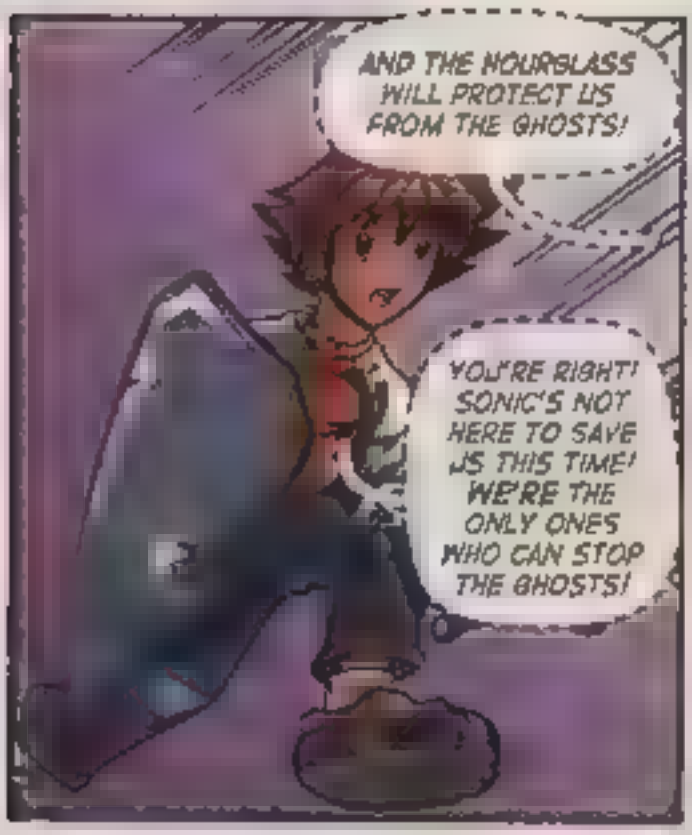

KEEP THE HOURGLASS UP THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM AWAY!
OKAY

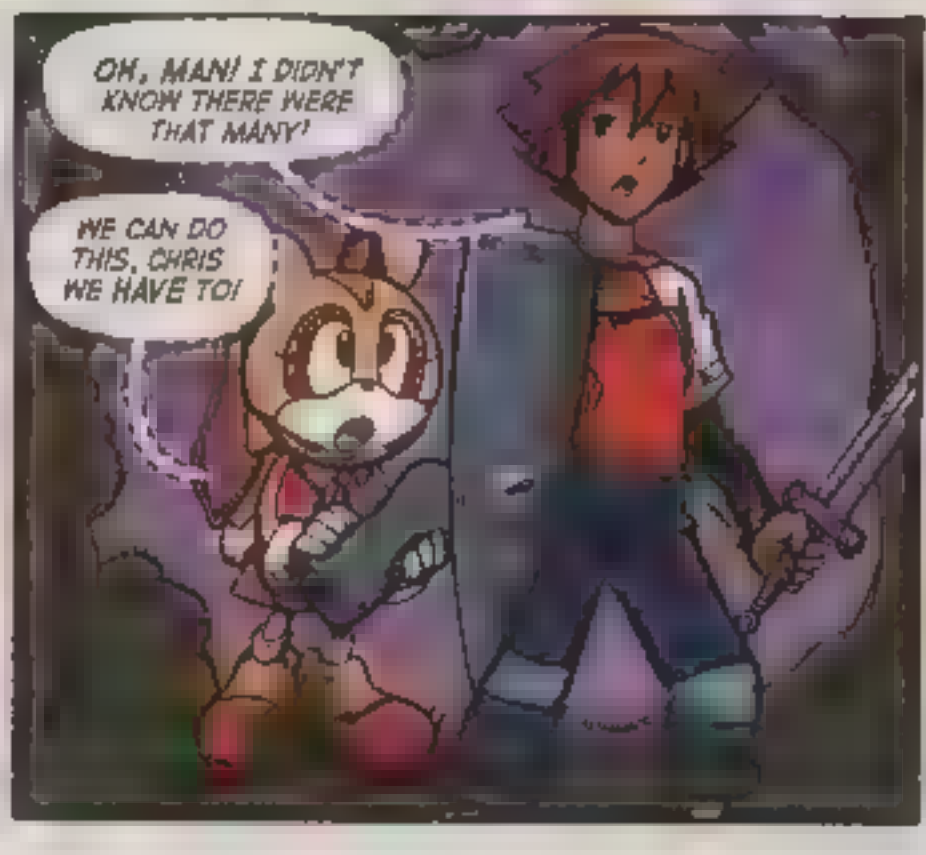
THEY'RE LEAVING
come to me!

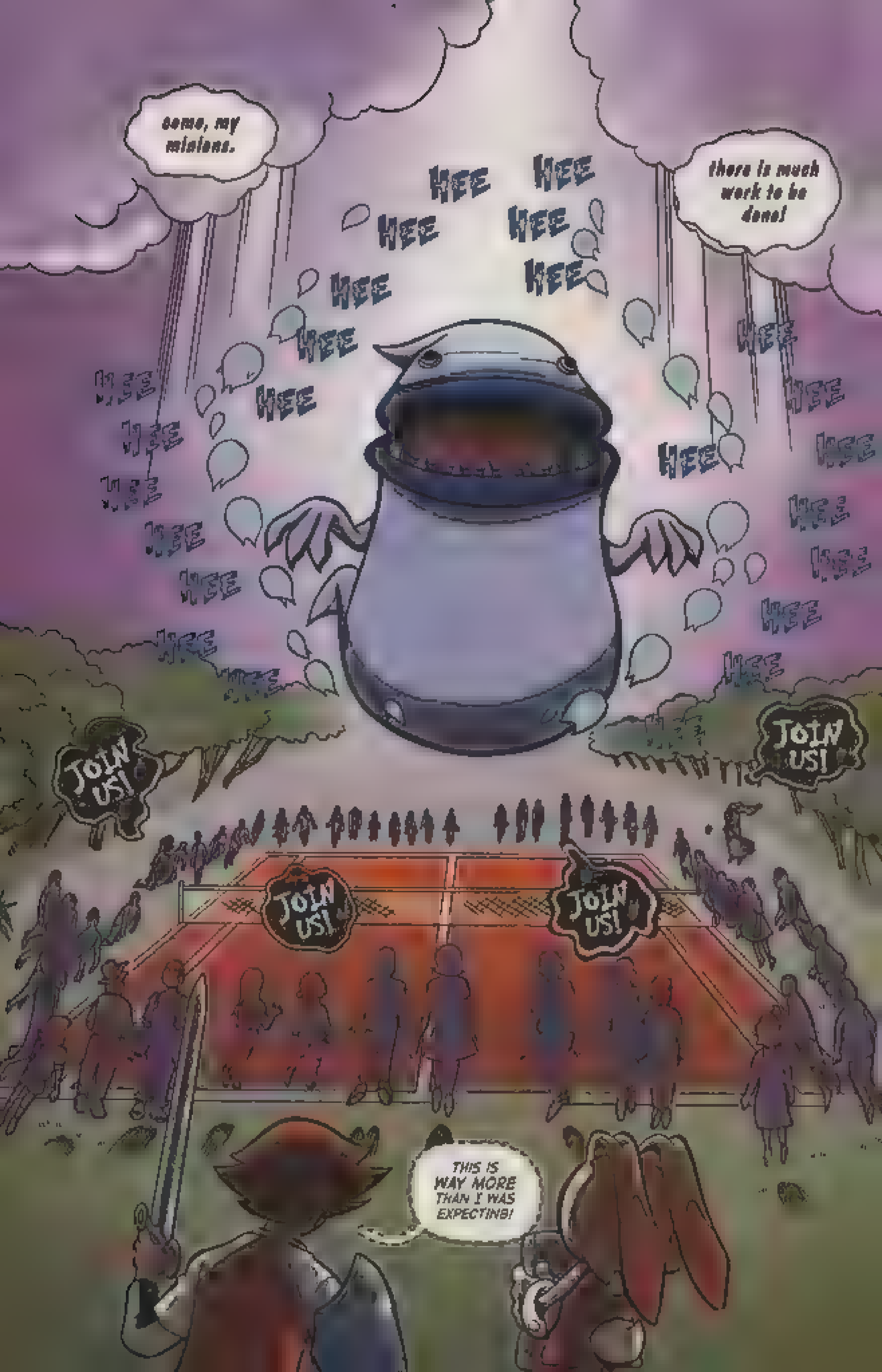

IT'S THE VOICE WE HEARD IN THE ATTIC! THE ONE THAT CALLED OUR MOTHERS AWAY!
I WONDER WHO —OR WHAT— IT IS

LET'S FOLLOW THEM, CHRIS! WE HAVE TO SAVE
AND CHEESE!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SCARED
I AM, BUT WE'LL NEVER STOP THE GHOSTS HIDING IN THE BUSHES!


AND THE HOURGLASS WILL PROTECT US FROM THE GHOSTS!
YOU'RE RIGHT! SONIC'S NOT HERE TO SAVE US THIS TIME! WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN STOP THE GHOSTS!


OH, MAN! I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE THAT MANY!
WE CAN DO THIS, CHRIS WE HAVE TO!


come, my minions.
there is much work to be done!
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HEE
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
JOIN US!
THIS IS WAY MORE THAN I WAS EXPECTING!

UNFORTUNATELY FOR SONIC (AT LEAST AS FAR AS *HE'S* CONCERNED) THERE'S NOTHING NEARLY SO EXCITING TO LOOK AT IN HIS PRISON CELL.

WHATCHA DOING NOW, EGGMAN?

I'M READING, SONIC, SO WILL YOU PLEASE *PIPE DOWN!*

ISN'T THERE *ANYTHING* TO DO AROUND HERE?

WE'RE IN *PRISON*, SONIC. WE'RE *NOT* SUPPOSED TO BE HAVING *FUN*.

ACTUALLY, I'M FINDING IT QUITE RELAXING.

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP *YEARS AGO!*

I DON'T THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THE BOSS SHOULD BE ADMITTING, DECOE.

QUIET, BOCOE! SOMEONE'S COMING!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, TAILS THE FOX, YOU ARE TO COME WITH US

FINALLY! NOW MAYBE THINGS WILL GET INTERESTING AGAIN!

ACTUALLY THINGS *AREN'T* GOING TO BE THAT INTERESTING FOR SONIC FOR A WHILE, SO LET'S GO BACK TO CHRIS AND CREAM WHERE THINGS ARE *WAY MORE FRANTIC!*

WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE DOING, CREAM?

LET'S ASK THEM

HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE

WHAT?

WHAT IF THEY TRY TO POSSESS US?!

WE HAVE THIS TO PROTECT US.

(I HOPE.)

EXCUSE ME, MR GHOST I HAVE A QUESTION!

get them!

JOIN US!

STAY BACK!

THAT'S NOT NICE! STOP IT!

JOIN US!

JOIN US!

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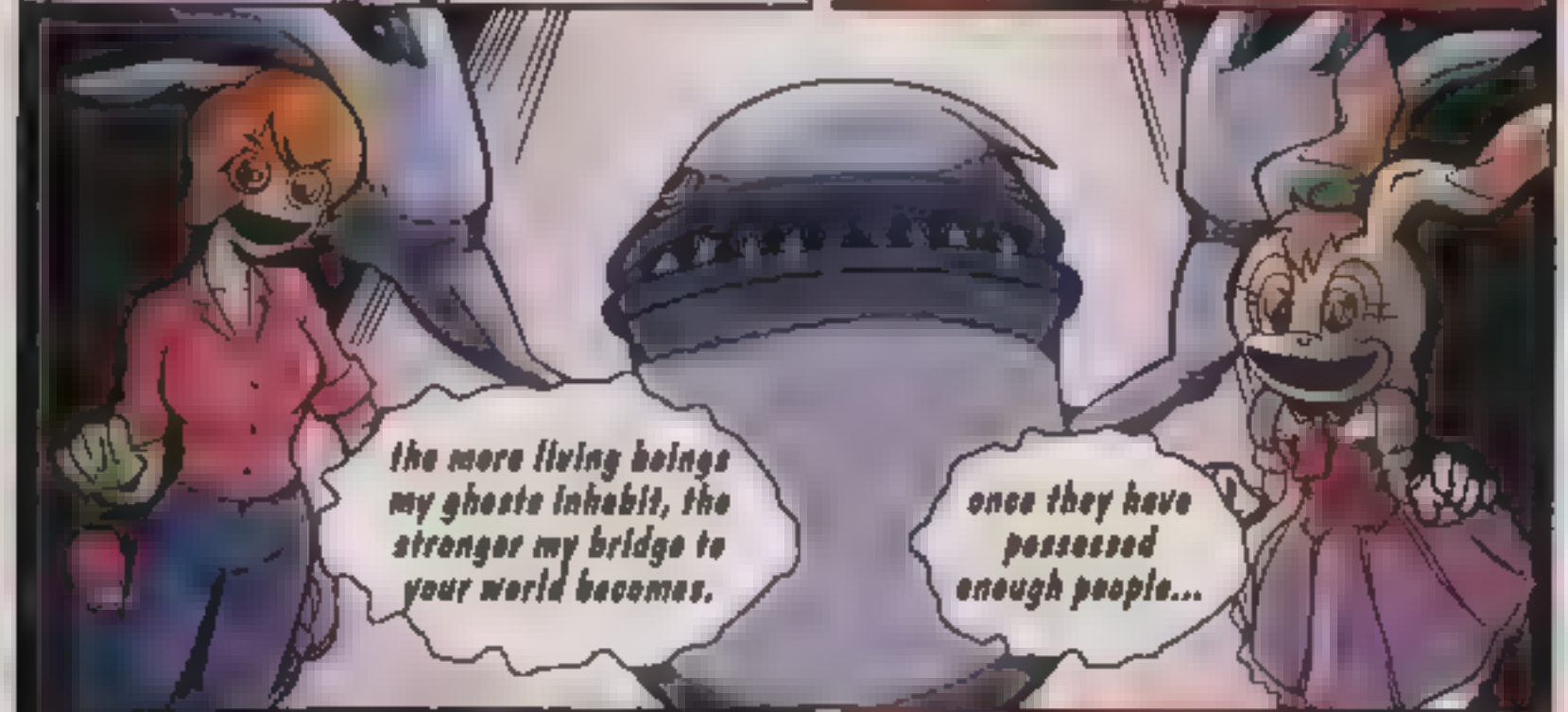
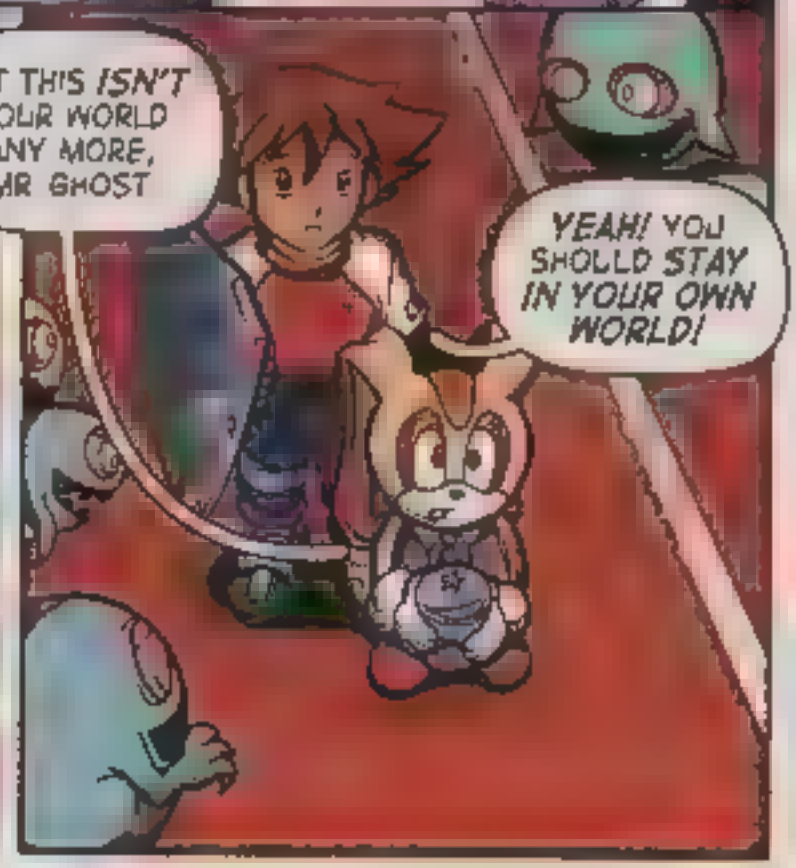
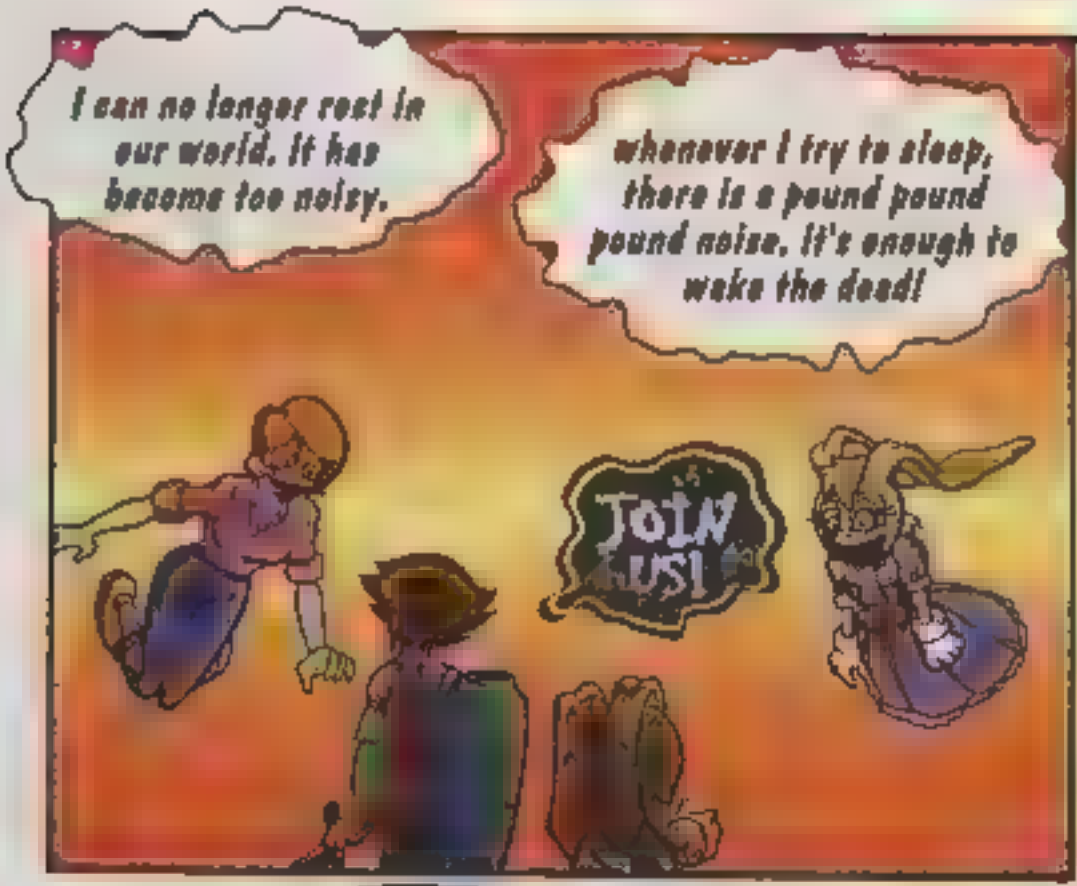
PARDON ME PLEASE LET US THROUGH
ALL I WANT TO DO IS ASK A QUESTION!

FORGIVE ME, MR GHOST, BUT WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
my sleep has been disturbed, I want to walk among the living again.

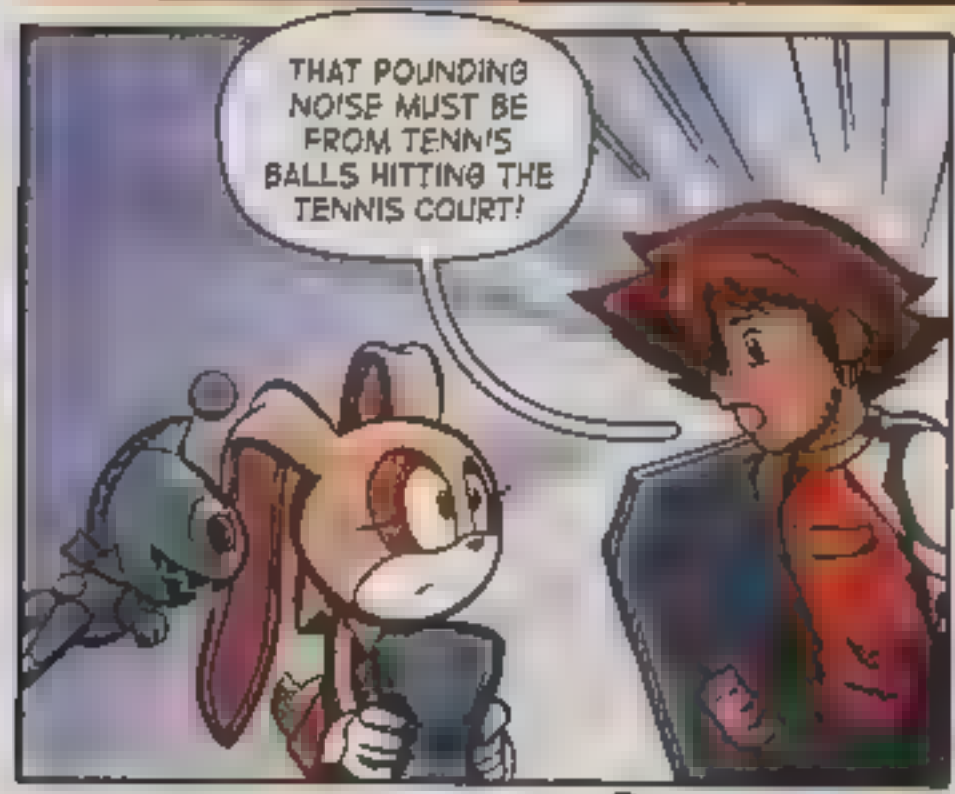

the more living beings my ghosts inhabit, the stronger my bridge to your world becomes.
once they have possessed enough people...

...I will be able to cross over to the living world.

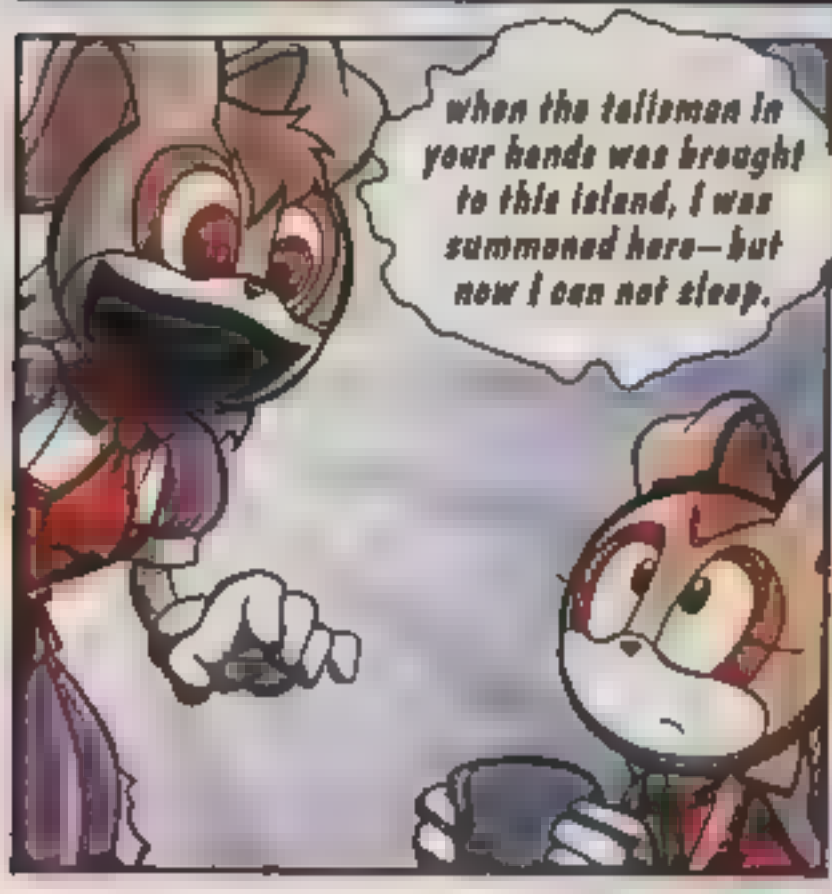

BUT THIS ISN'T YOUR WORLD ANY MORE, MR GHOST
YEAH! YOU SHOULD STAY IN YOUR OWN WORLD!

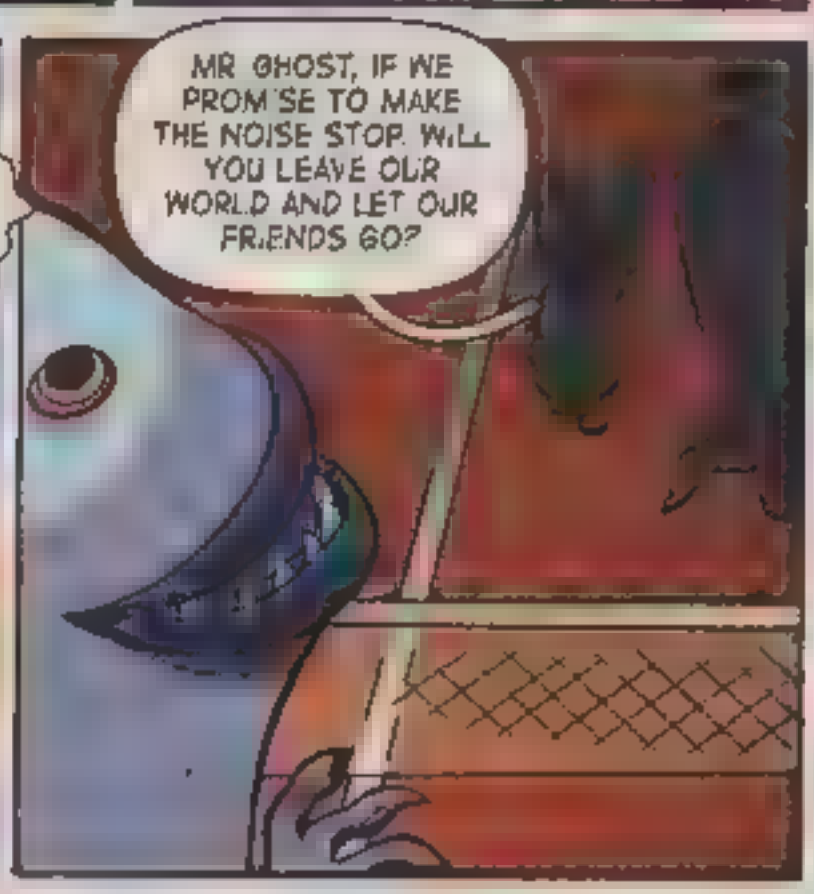

I can no longer rest in our world. It has become too noisy.
whenever I try to sleep, there is a pound pound pound noise. It's enough to wake the dead!
JOIN US!

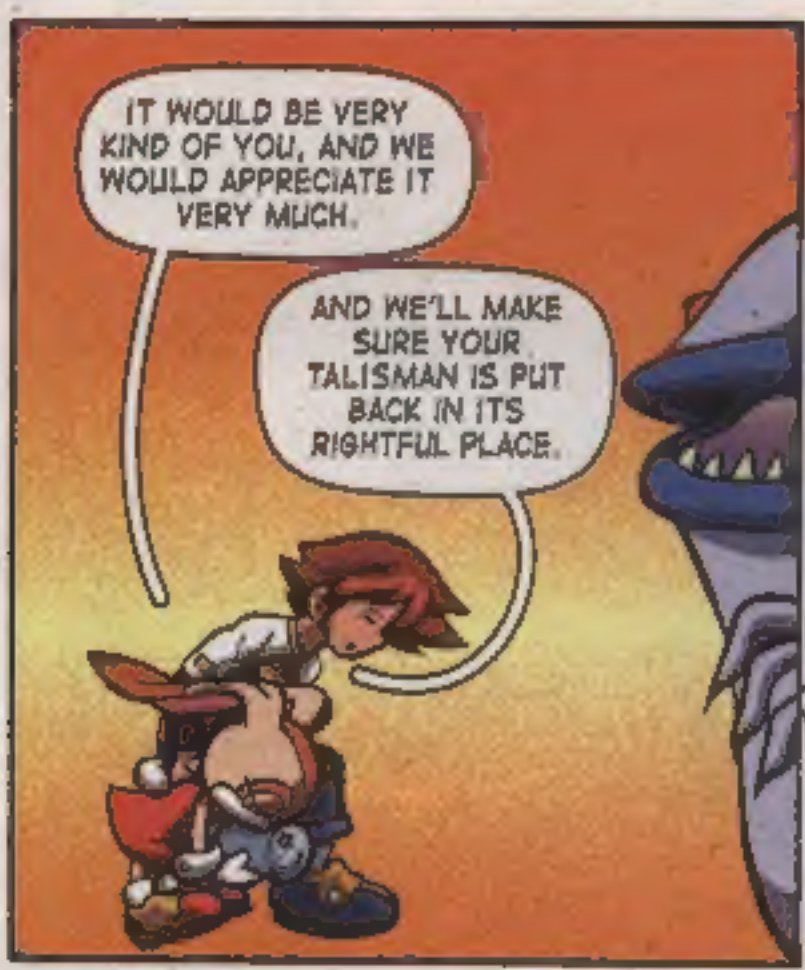
and it did!
JOIN US!


THAT POUNDING NOISE MUST BE FROM TENN'S BALLS HITTING THE TENNIS COURT!

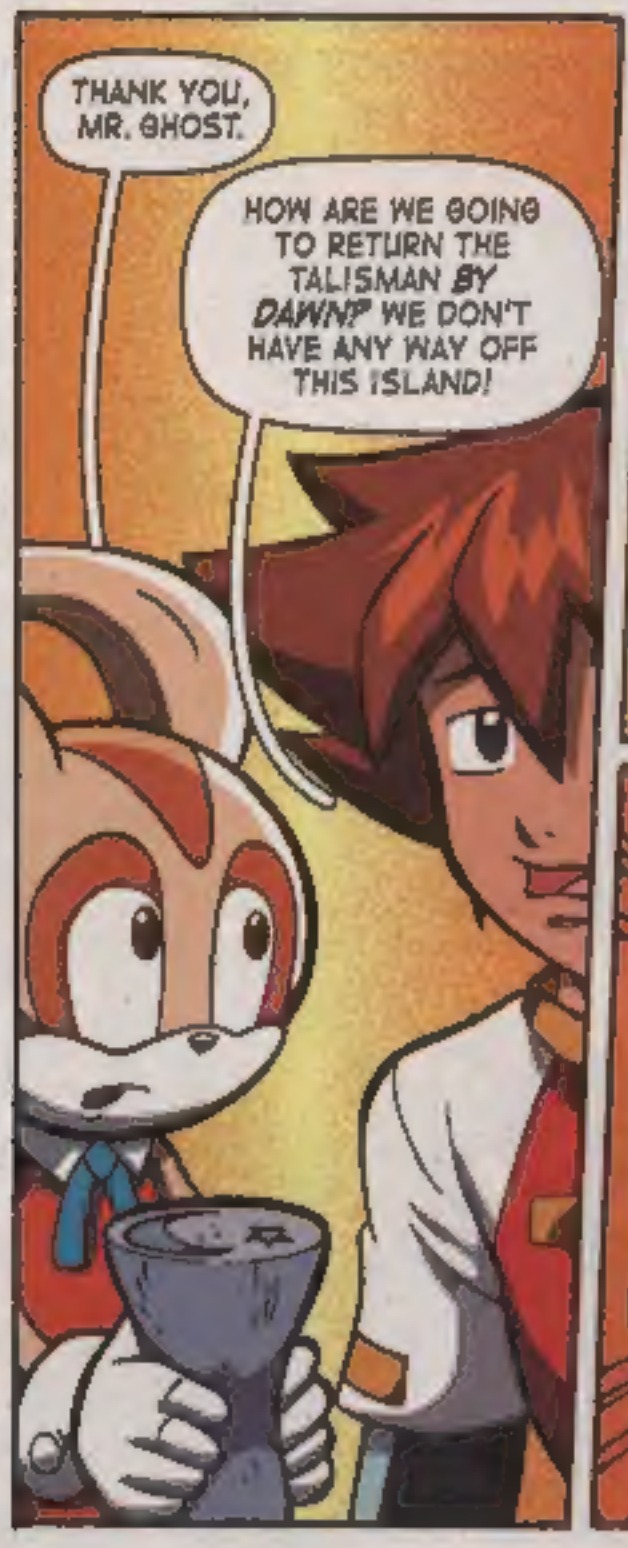
yes! this ground used to be a resting place for my kind.


when the talisman in your hands was brought to this island, I was summoned here—but now I can not sleep.


MR GHOST, IF WE PROMISE TO MAKE THE NOISE STOP, WILL YOU LEAVE OUR WORLD AND LET OUR FRIENDS GO?

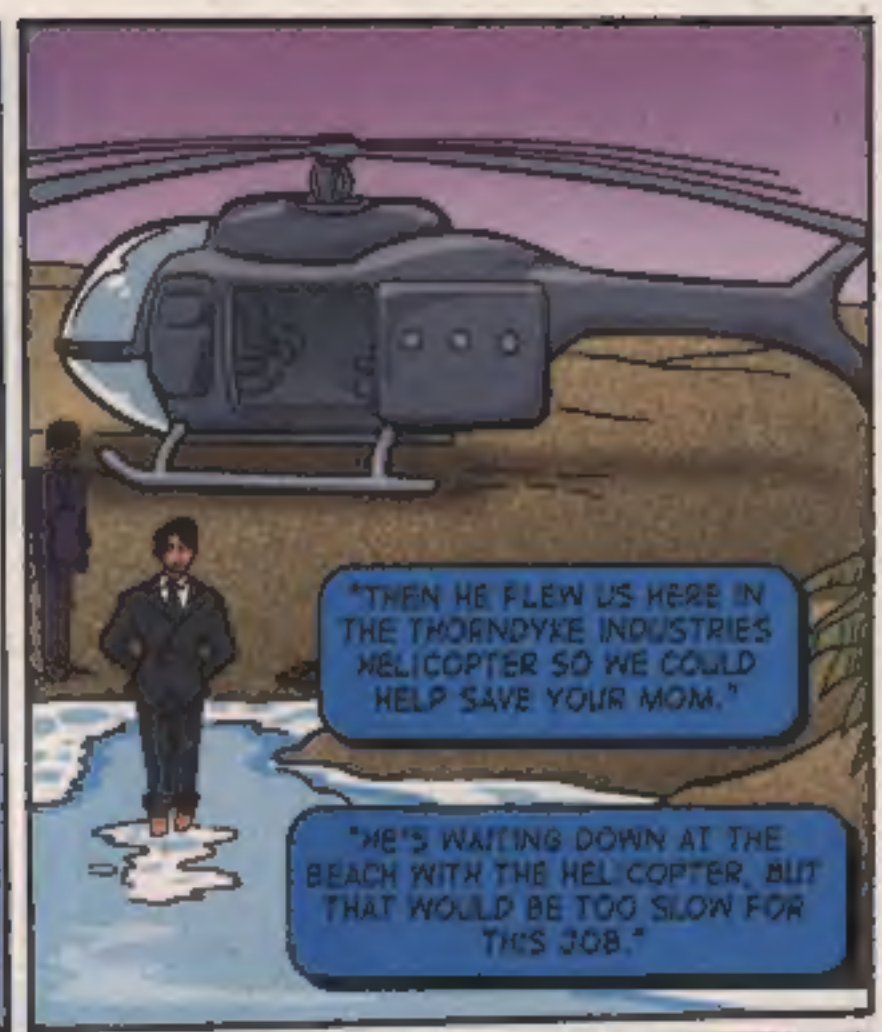

IT WOULD BE VERY KIND OF YOU, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.
AND WE'LL MAKE SURE YOUR TALISMAN IS PUT BACK IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE.

yes, little ones. that would be very considerate of you.
return the talisman by dawn, and I will release the humans and we ghosts will return to our resting place.

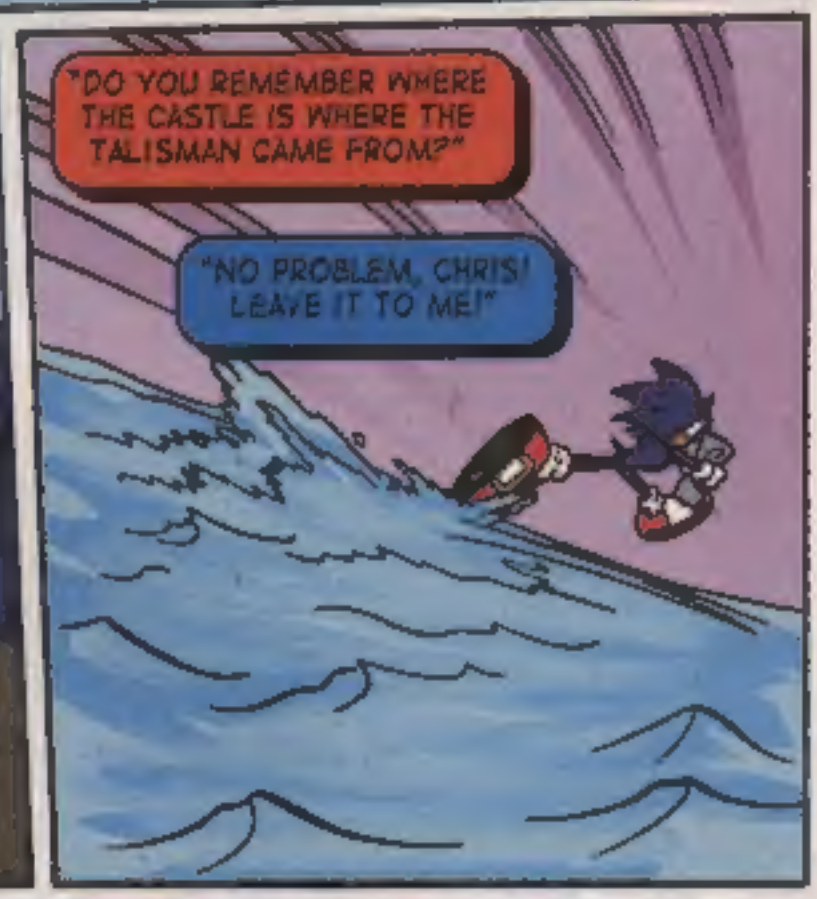

THANK YOU, MR. GHOST.
HOW ARE WE GOING TO RETURN THE TALISMAN BY DAWN? WE DON'T HAVE ANY WAY OFF THIS ISLAND!

I CAN HELP!
SONIC!
GRANDPA CHUCK SAID YOU WERE IN PRISON.
URRFFF! LEGGO!
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

AFTER YOU CALLED YOUR GRANDPA, HE CALLED YOUR FATHER.
YOUR FATHER CONVINCED THE PRESIDENT TO DROP THE CHARGES AND RELEASE TAILS AND ME.


"THEN HE FLEW US HERE IN THE THORNDYKE INDUSTRIES HELICOPTER SO WE COULD HELP SAVE YOUR MOM."
"HE'S WAITING DOWN AT THE BEACH WITH THE HELICOPTER, BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO SLOW FOR THIS JOB."

I'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON IF I'M GONNA GET THIS BACK BEFORE DAWN!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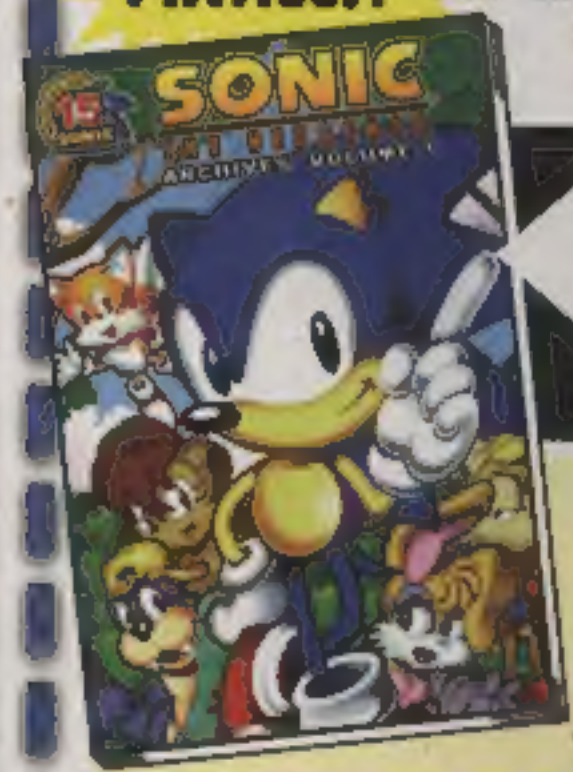

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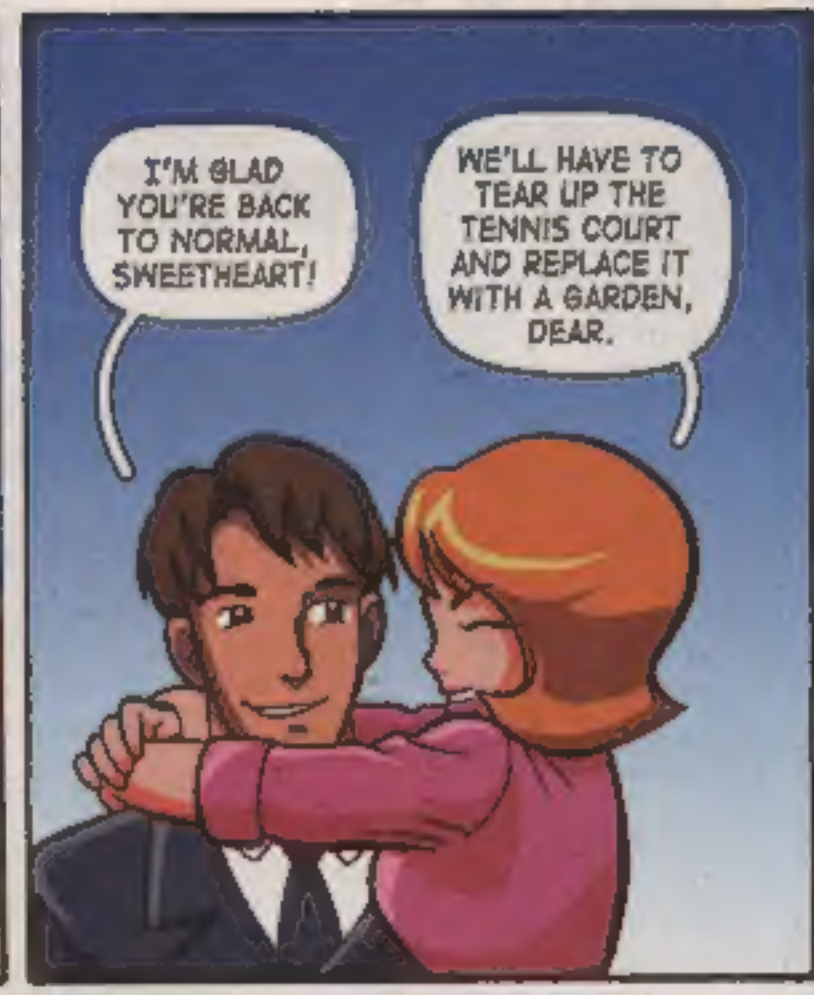

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